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Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is intended to support FARM SANCTUARY and urge the Food and Drug Administration to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. The reasons given by the FARM SANCTUARY are as follows;

Animals who are too sick even to stand pose a health threat and should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

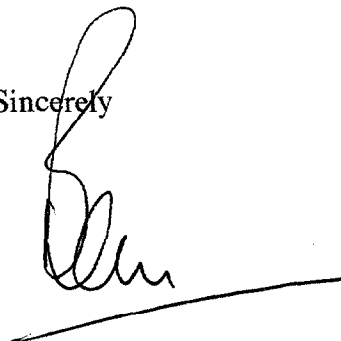
It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains – inhumane processes which causes injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments. (I find this personally horrific in a so-called civilized society)

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

If humans were treated this way there would be no need for me to write this letter, as the situation would not be tolerated!

Thank-you, I remain.

Yours Sincerely



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